(SHRI MALLIKARJUN): Aggregate additional originating revenue collected upto 31st March, 1991 was as under:—

(Rs. in thousand*!)

Nadikude to Bibinagar	3,46,12
Guntur to Macherla	1,30,90£

£Amount pertains to the period May/1990 to March/1991 with reference to the corresponding period before conversion'

Improvement in the production and efficiency of Steel Industry

807. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times o August 11, 1991 regarding improvement in the production and efficiency of the Steel Industry; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No such news item appeared in the Hindustan Times on the 11th August, 1991, though there was such an item in the paper on 13-8-1991.

(b) There is indeed a need to improve productivity and efficiency of the Indian Steel Industry. Efforts in this context include better raw material preparation, ensuring the sustained supply of right quality of inputs, modernisation and technological upgradation of plants, expansion of units to economic size, and greater efforts at human resource development including training in higher technological work culture conducive to higher production and productivity. Governmental policy and action thrusts are aimed in this direction.

Privatisation of inefficient Mines

808. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to privatise inefficient mines in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, in what manner Government propose to finance such loss making mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal. However, if mining is not carried out by the lessee in accordance with terms and conditions of the mining lease, the lease can be determined according to the provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act.

(c) Does not arise.

उत्तर प्रदेश तथा बिहार में बेरोजगार व्यक्ति

809. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय: क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश तथा बिहार में बेरोजगार लोगों की अलग अलग संख्या कितनी है; और

(ख) इन दो राज्यों में विभिन्न रोजगार कार्यालयों में पंजीकृत बेरोजगार लोगों की संख्या कितनी है जिन्हें पिछले वर्ष के दौरान रोजगार उपलब्ध कराया गया है ;

श्रम मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पवन सिंह घटोवर): (क) और (ख)